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DARKEST STORM
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I AM ANONYMOUS.
SPIDER NINJAS USED THE SWORD OF ACORNS IN DR. EGGMAN'S EGG GRAPE CHAMBER TO OPEN THE ZONE OF SILENCE.
THE DIMENSIONAL BREACH CAUSED THE DEMISE OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS.
IT RELEASED IXIS NAUGUS.
AND LOST THE OCCUPIED EGG GRAPES TO THE ZONE OF SILENCE.
THE DEATH OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS FREED MAMMOTH MOGUL.
HE GATHERED HIS MINIONS--THE DESTRUCTIX.
NAUGUS LEARNED THAT MOGUL HAD FOUNDED HIS ORDER OF DARK MAGICK, AND THEN PLEDGED HIS LOYALTY.

THE DARKEST STORM
Part Three: DOWNBURST

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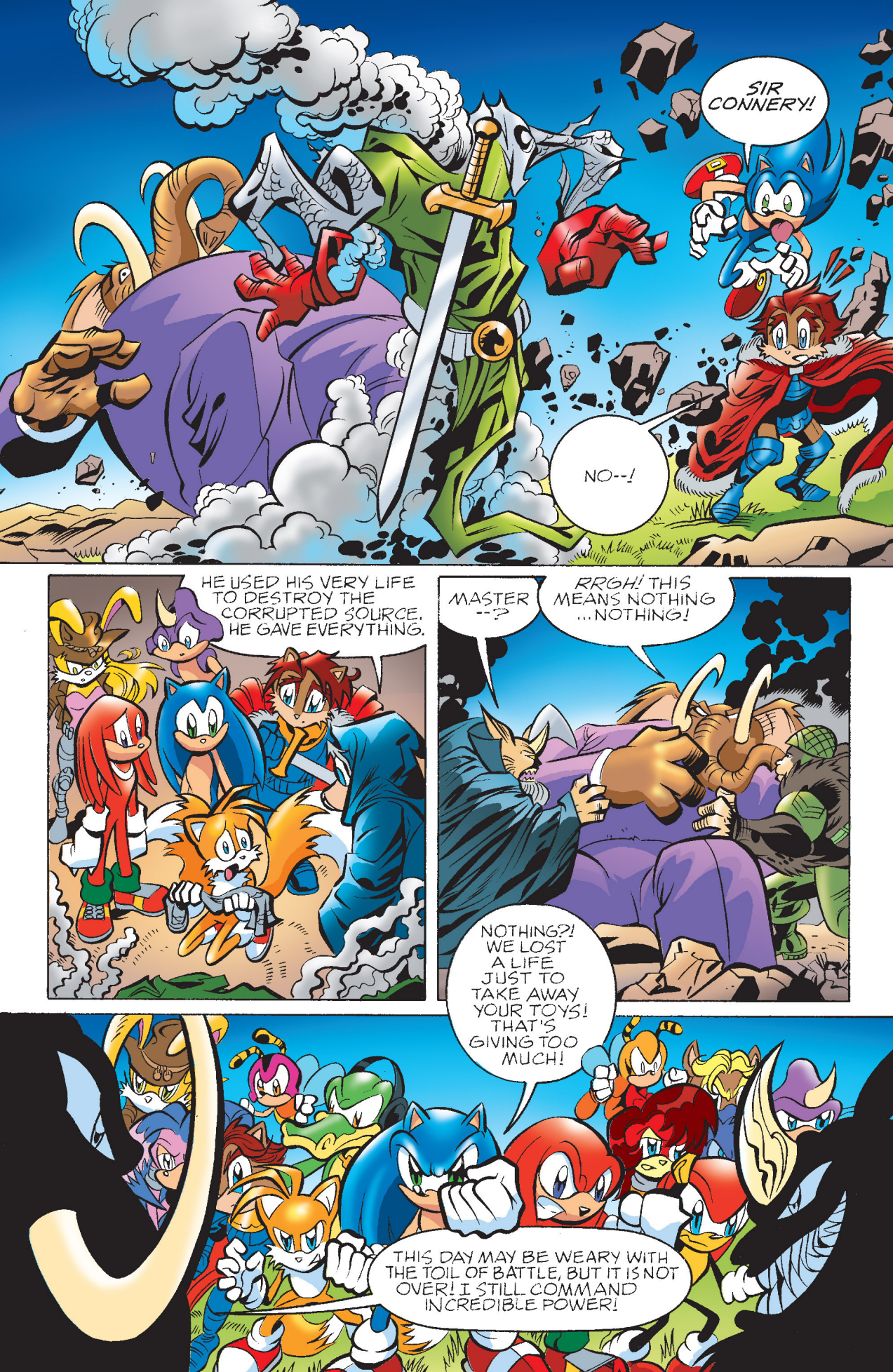
THEY THEN ATTACKED SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FRIENDS.
EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.
HEY, BLUE! CAN WE WRAP THIS UP? THIS IS GETTING TIRESOME.
SURE THING, FIONA. I'VE NEVER BEEN ONE TO DISAPPOINT A LADY.
PRESENT COMPANY EXCLUDED.
NOW IS NOT THE TIME, SONIC.
NEVER IS.
NICE TO SEE YOU BACK IN THE FIELD, THOUGH.
HEY, ELIAS! LET'S GO GET YOUR STUFF BACK!
LEAD THE WAY, SONIC!

ARE YOU BOTH SO EAGER FOR DEATH? COME, THEN--
--AND PERISH!
HA! GAME, SET, MATCH, MOGUL!
YOUR MAJESTY.
THANK YOU, SONIC. MY BIRTHRIGHT SHOULD PURGE IT OF MOGUL'S TAINT!
AUGH!
KRZZT!
YOW!
HAD YOU BEEN BOUND TO THEM WHEN THEY WERE CREATED, YOU MIGHT HAVE STOOD A CHANCE. INSTEAD, THE SOURCE OF ALL...
...IS PERMANENTLY CHANGED. IT IS MINE.
VARLET...

...I SAY TO THEE --NAY!
THE ANCIENT WALKERS CHARGED ME TO PURGE THIS WORLD OF DARK MAGICK. I THOUGHT I WAS FINISHED WHEN I HAD SLAIN DOMOLECES THE ELDER AND SO MANY BEFORE HIM. I SEE NOW THAT I HAVE BUT ONE MORE TASK AT HAND.
ALL RIGHT, SIR CONNERY! LET'S DO IT TO IT!
STAY OUT OF THIS FOR ONCE IN YOUR MISERABLE LIFE, YOU INSUFFERABLE WRETCH.
HEY! NO FAIR!
YOUR PATRON SPIRITS ARE NO MORE, CONNERY. YOU ARE AT MY MERCY.
NAY, MOGUL. THEY ARE WITH ME NOW IN MY FINAL ACT.

URNF! THEY GAVE ME THIS! THE SWORD OF LIGHT. BLESSED WITH THE POWER TO DESTROY THE DARKNESS!
SCRKT!
SCRK'T!
SCRKT
I AM SORRY, MY KING. I MUST DESTROY THE SOURCE OF ALL.

I AM SIR CONNERY! PALADIN OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS! BRINGER OF THE LIGHT AND ENEMY OF THE DARKNESS!
AND THEY CHASTISE ME FOR MY VERBOSITY...
BY THE POWER INVESTED IN ME BY THE HIGHEST OF POWERS...
NO. NO!
C'MON, SIR CONNERY. SHOW HIM HOW IT'S DONE OLD-SCHOOL!
I SMITE THEE!
NO!


SIR CONNERY!
NO--!
HE USED HIS VERY LIFE TO DESTROY THE CORRUPTED SOURCE. HE GAVE EVERYTHING.
MASTER --?
RRGH! THIS MEANS NOTHING ...NOTHING!
NOTHING?! WE LOST A LIFE JUST TO TAKE AWAY YOUR TOYS! THAT'S GIVING TOO MUCH!
THIS DAY MAY BE WEARY WITH THE TOIL OF BATTLE, BUT IT IS NOT OVER! I STILL COMMAND INCREDIBLE POWER!

WHAT A COINCIDENCE!
SO DO I. FIRE AT WILL!
SKKZZT!
SKZZT!
NOW THAT THEY'RE PROPERLY CORRALLED --TAG 'EM!

FVT!
FVT!
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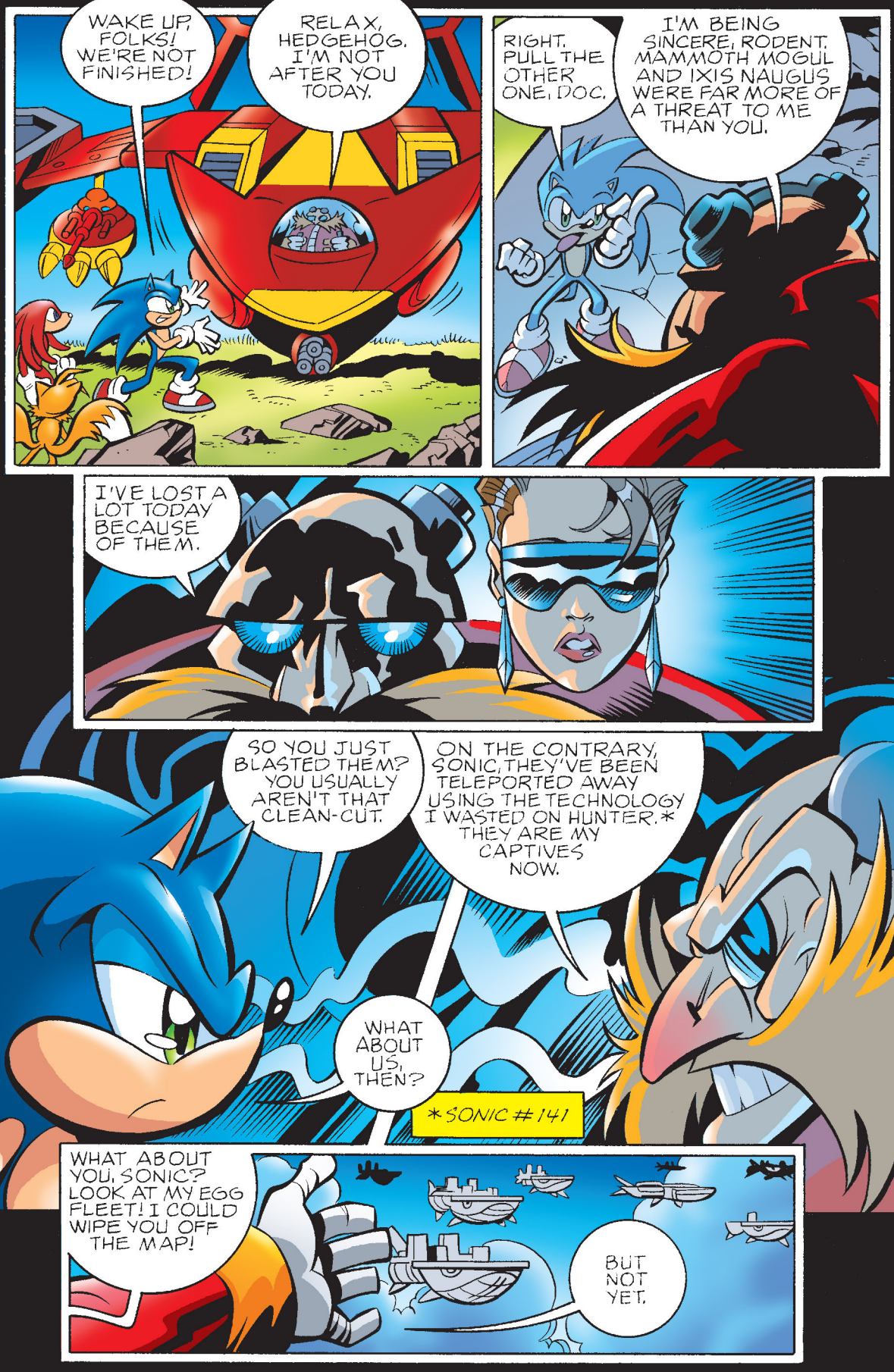
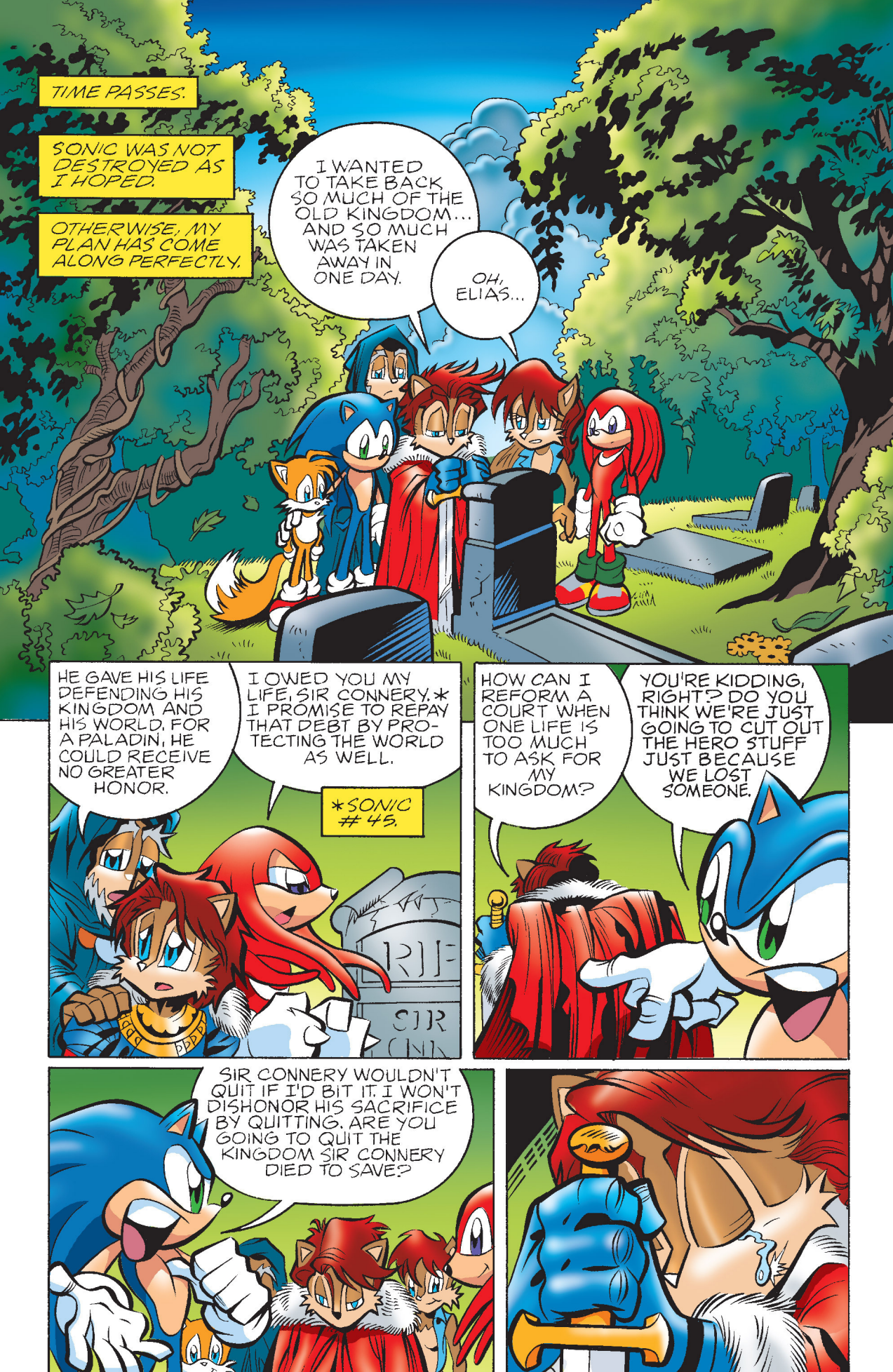
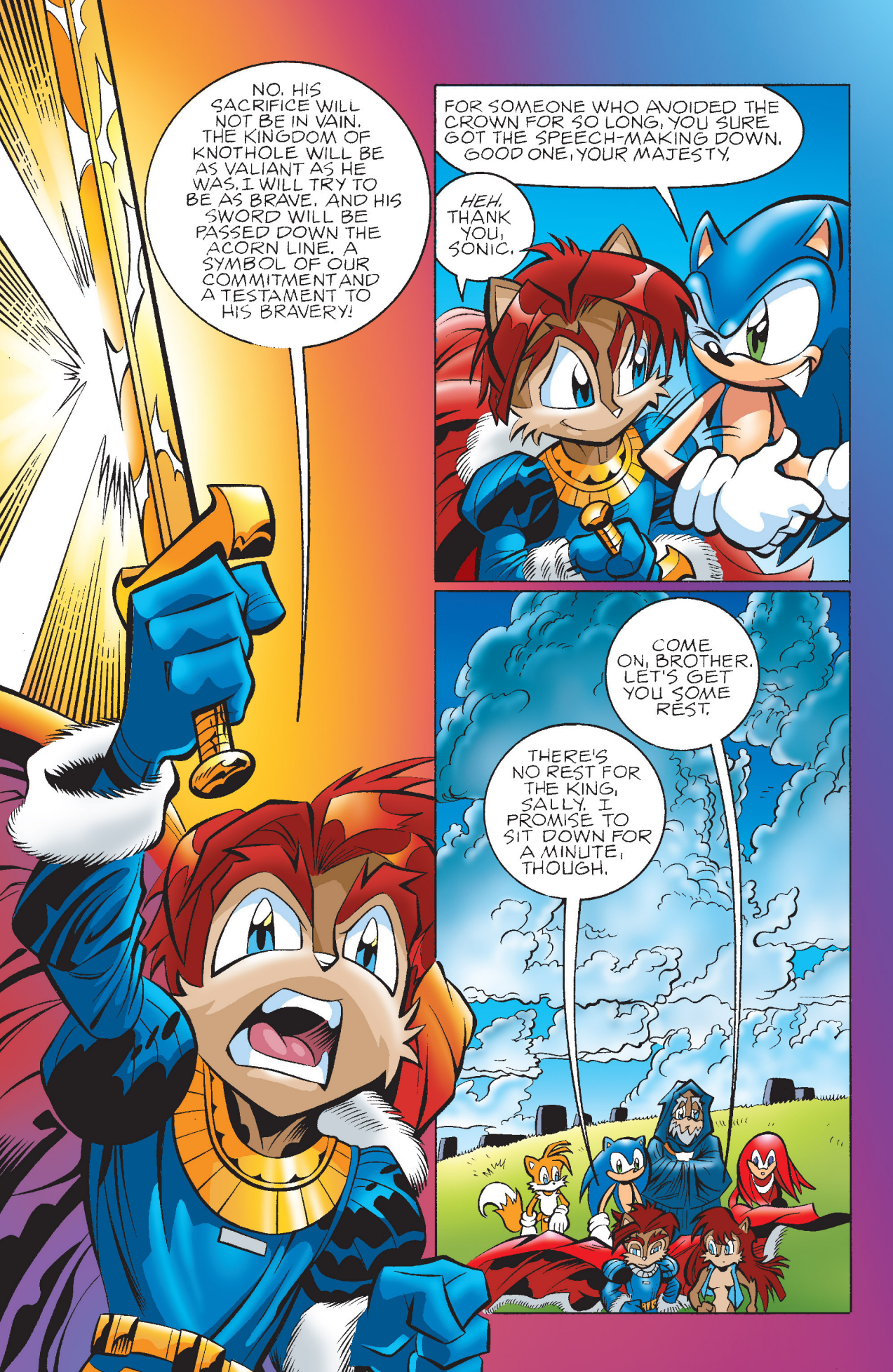
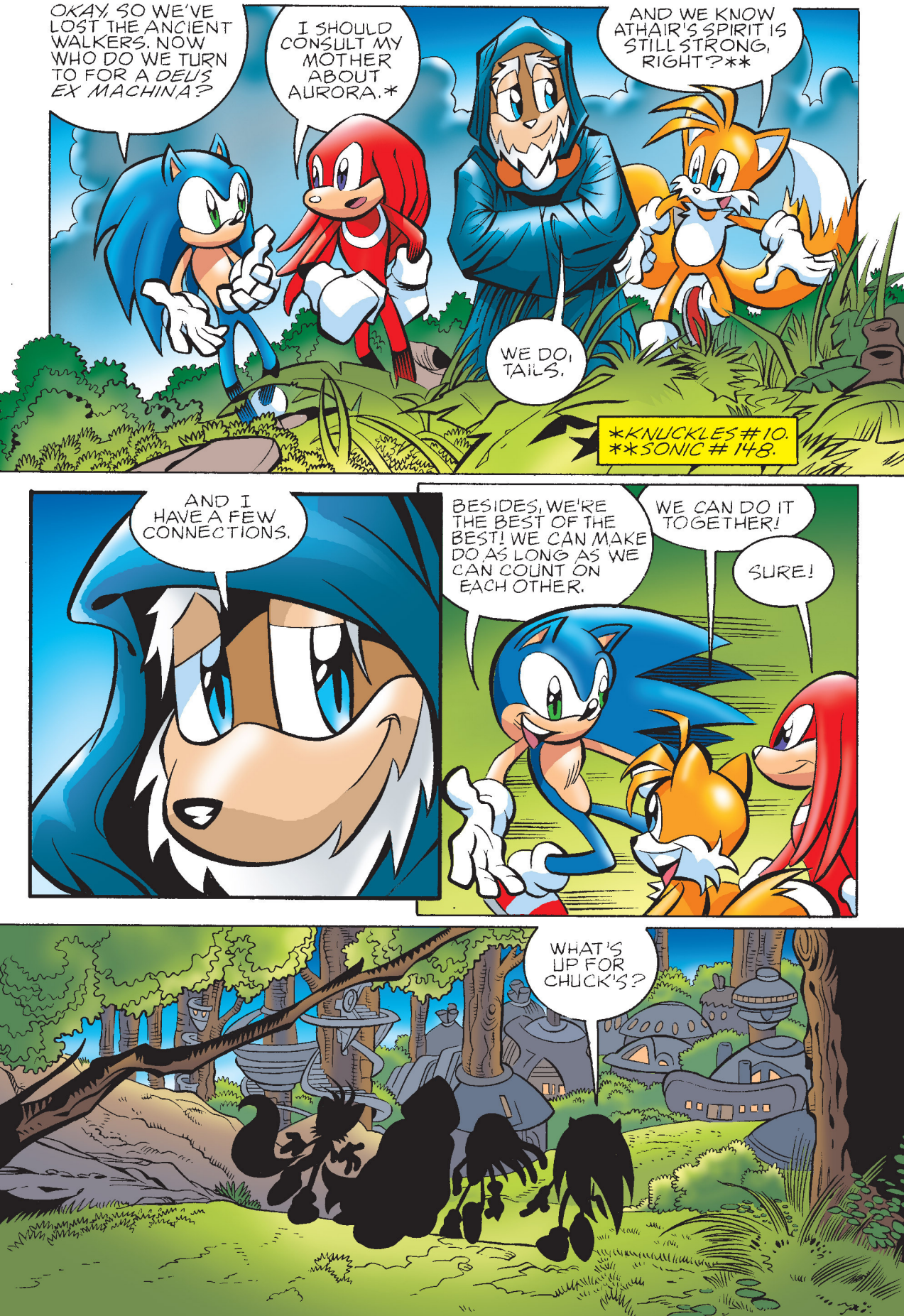
I...WON'T...LET...
WON'T...NO...
NO!!!
HA!
PHASE THREE--
COMPLETE!

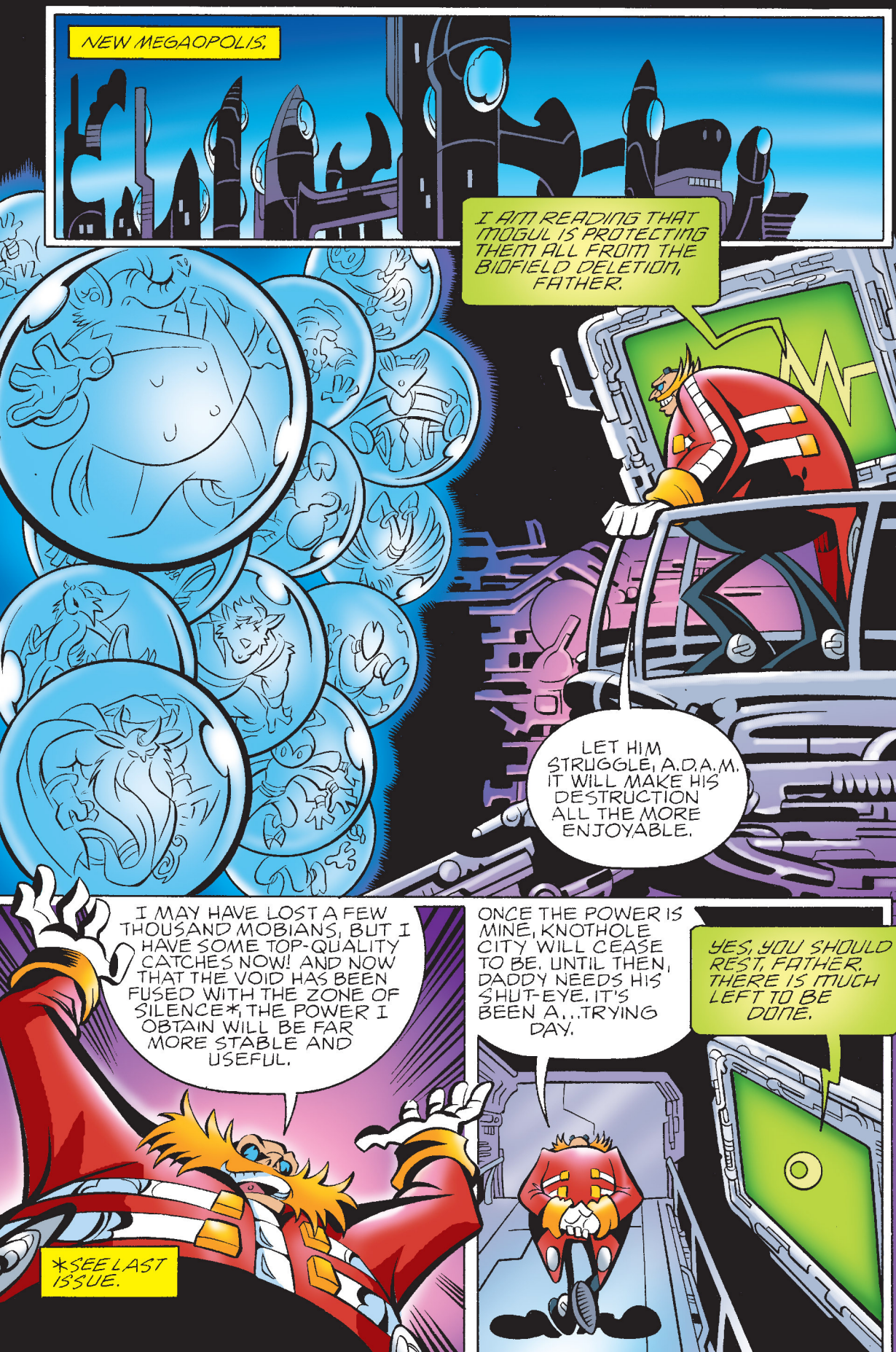

WAKE UP, FOLKS! WE'RE NOT FINISHED!
RELAX, HEDGEHOG. I'M NOT AFTER YOU TODAY.
RIGHT. PULL THE OTHER ONE, DOC.
I'M BEING SINCERE, RODENT. MAMMOTH MOGUL AND IXIS NAUGUS WERE FAR MORE OF A THREAT TO ME THAN YOU.
I'VE LOST A LOT TODAY BECAUSE OF THEM.
SO YOU JUST BLASTED THEM? YOU USUALLY AREN'T THAT CLEAN-CUT.
ON THE CONTRARY, SONIC, THEY'VE BEEN TELEPORTED AWAY USING THE TECHNOLOGY I WASTED ON HUNTER.* THEY ARE MY CAPTIVES NOW.
WHAT ABOUT US, THEN?
*SONIC #141
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SONIC? LOOK AT MY EGG FLEET! I COULD WIPE YOU OFF THE MAP!
BUT NOT YET.

NO NEED TO BE SHY. LET'S GO, EGGMAN!
I WILL CRUSH YOUR PITHY RESISTENCE WHEN I WANT TO, RODENT! YOU WILL MEET YOUR END ON MY TERMS, AND MINE ALONE!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT-- HEY!
WAH-HA-HAH-HAH-HA!
TOO SLOW, SONIC! YOU'RE ALL TOO TIRED TO BE WORTH MY EFFORT.
UNTIL NEXT TIME, SONIC!
WHENEVER YOU'RE READY, ROBOTNIK!

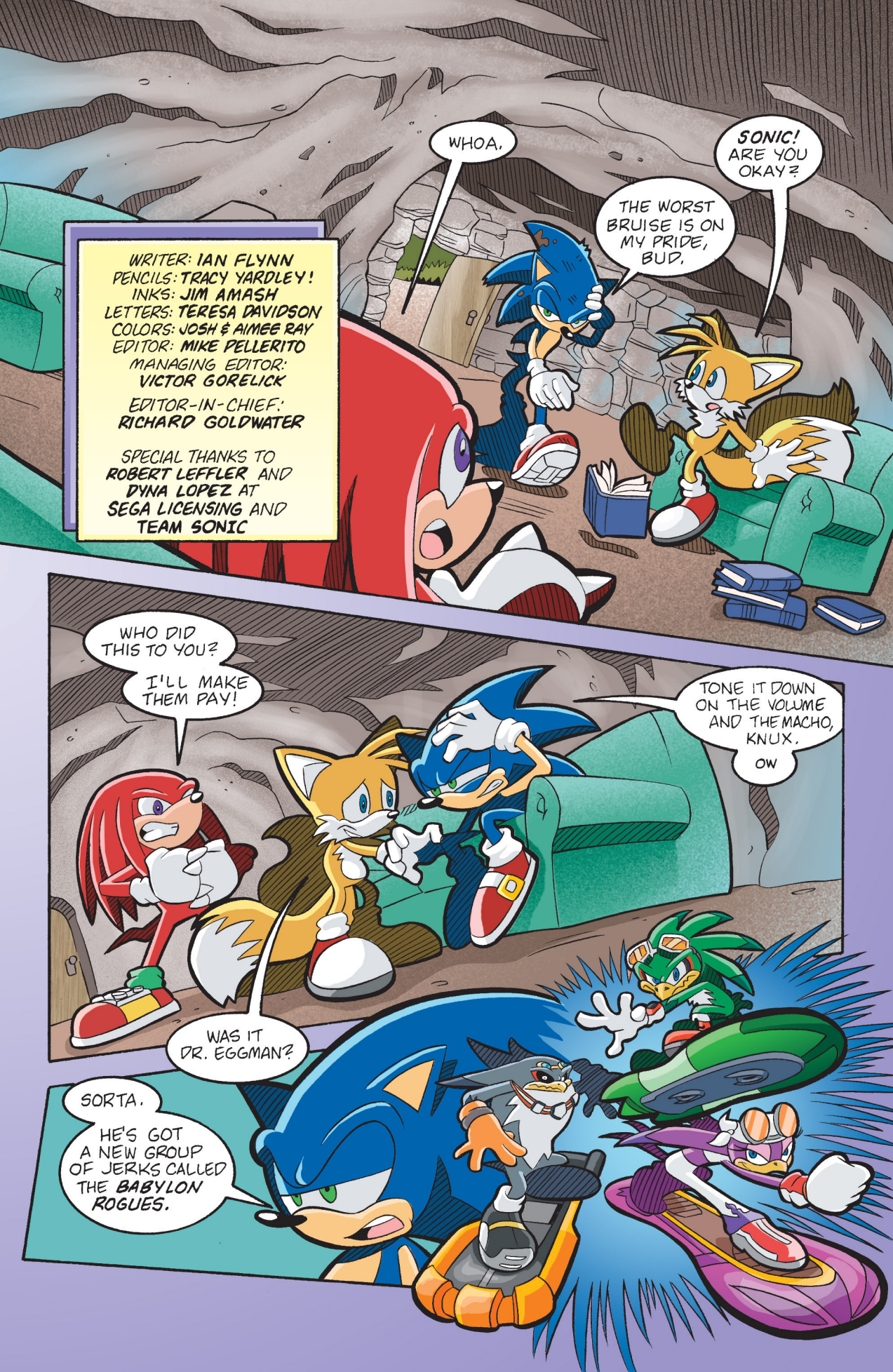

TIME PASSES.
SONIC WAS NOT DESTROYED AS I HOPED.
OTHERWISE, MY PLAN HAS COME ALONG PERFECTLY.
I WANTED TO TAKE BACK SO MUCH OF THE OLD KINGDOM... AND SO MUCH WAS TAKEN AWAY IN ONE DAY.
OH, ELIAS...
HE GAVE HIS LIFE DEFENDING HIS KINGDOM AND HIS WORLD. FOR A PALADIN, HE COULD RECEIVE NO GREATER HONOR.
I OWED YOU MY LIFE, SIR CONNERY.* I PROMISE TO REPAY THAT DEBT BY PROTECTING THE WORLD AS WELL.
*SONIC #45.
HOW CAN I REFORM A COURT WHEN ONE LIFE IS TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR MY KINGDOM?
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? DO YOU THINK WE'RE JUST GOING TO CUT OUT THE HERO STUFF JUST BECAUSE WE LOST SOMEONE.
SIR CONNERY WOULDN'T QUIT IF I'D BIT IT. I WON'T DISHONOR HIS SACRIFICE BY QUITTING. ARE YOU GOING TO QUIT THE KINGDOM SIR CONNERY DIED TO SAVE?


NO. HIS SACRIFICE WILL NOT BE IN VAIN. THE KINGDOM OF KNOTHOLE WILL BE AS VALIANT AS HE WAS. I WILL TRY TO BE AS BRAVE. AND HIS SWORD WILL BE PASSED DOWN THE ACORN LINE. A SYMBOL OF OUR COMMITMENT AND A TESTAMENT TO HIS BRAVERY!
FOR SOMEONE WHO AVOIDED THE CROWN FOR SO LONG, YOU SURE GOT THE SPEECH-MAKING DOWN. GOOD ONE, YOUR MAJESTY.
HEH. THANK YOU, SONIC.
COME ON, BROTHER. LET'S GET YOU SOME REST.
THERE'S NO REST FOR THE KING, SALLY. I PROMISE TO SIT DOWN FOR A MINUTE, THOUGH.


OKAY, SO WE'VE LOST THE ANCIENT WALKERS. NOW WHO DO WE TURN TO FOR A *DEUS EX MACHINA*?
I SHOULD CONSULT MY MOTHER ABOUT AURORA.*
AND WE KNOW ATHAIR'S SPIRIT IS STILL STRONG, RIGHT?**
WE DO, TAILS.
*KNUCKLES #10.
**SONIC #148.
AND I HAVE A FEW CONNECTIONS.
BESIDES, WE'RE THE BEST OF THE BEST! WE CAN MAKE DO AS LONG AS WE CAN COUNT ON EACH OTHER.
WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER!
SURE!
WHAT'S UP FOR CHUCK'S?


NEW MEGAOPOLIS.
I AM READING THAT MOGUL IS PROTECTING THEM ALL FROM THE BIOFIELD DELETION, FATHER.
LET HIM STRUGGLE, A.D.A.M. IT WILL MAKE HIS DESTRUCTION ALL THE MORE ENJOYABLE.
I MAY HAVE LOST A FEW THOUSAND MOBIANS, BUT I HAVE SOME TOP-QUALITY CATCHES NOW! AND NOW THAT THE VOID HAS BEEN FUSED WITH THE ZONE OF SILENCE*, THE POWER I OBTAIN WILL BE FAR MORE STABLE AND USEFUL.
*SEE LAST ISSUE.
ONCE THE POWER IS MINE, KNOTHOLE CITY WILL CEASE TO BE. UNTIL THEN, DADDY NEEDS HIS SHUT-EYE. IT'S BEEN A...TRYING DAY.
YES, YOU SHOULD REST, FATHER. THERE IS MUCH LEFT TO BE DONE.

I HAVE MADE YOU THE UNRIVALED POWER ON MOBIUS. I HAVE DESTROYED THE ANCIENT WALKERS AND THE SOURCE OF ALL. SOON YOU AND SONIC WILL BE DESTROYED AS WELL. YOU WILL MAKE THE CONNECTION TOO LATE THAT A.D.A.M. DETERMINES ANONYMOUS'S MOVEMENTS.
The END


WHOA.
SONIC! ARE YOU OKAY?
THE WORST BRUISE IS ON MY PRIDE, BUD.
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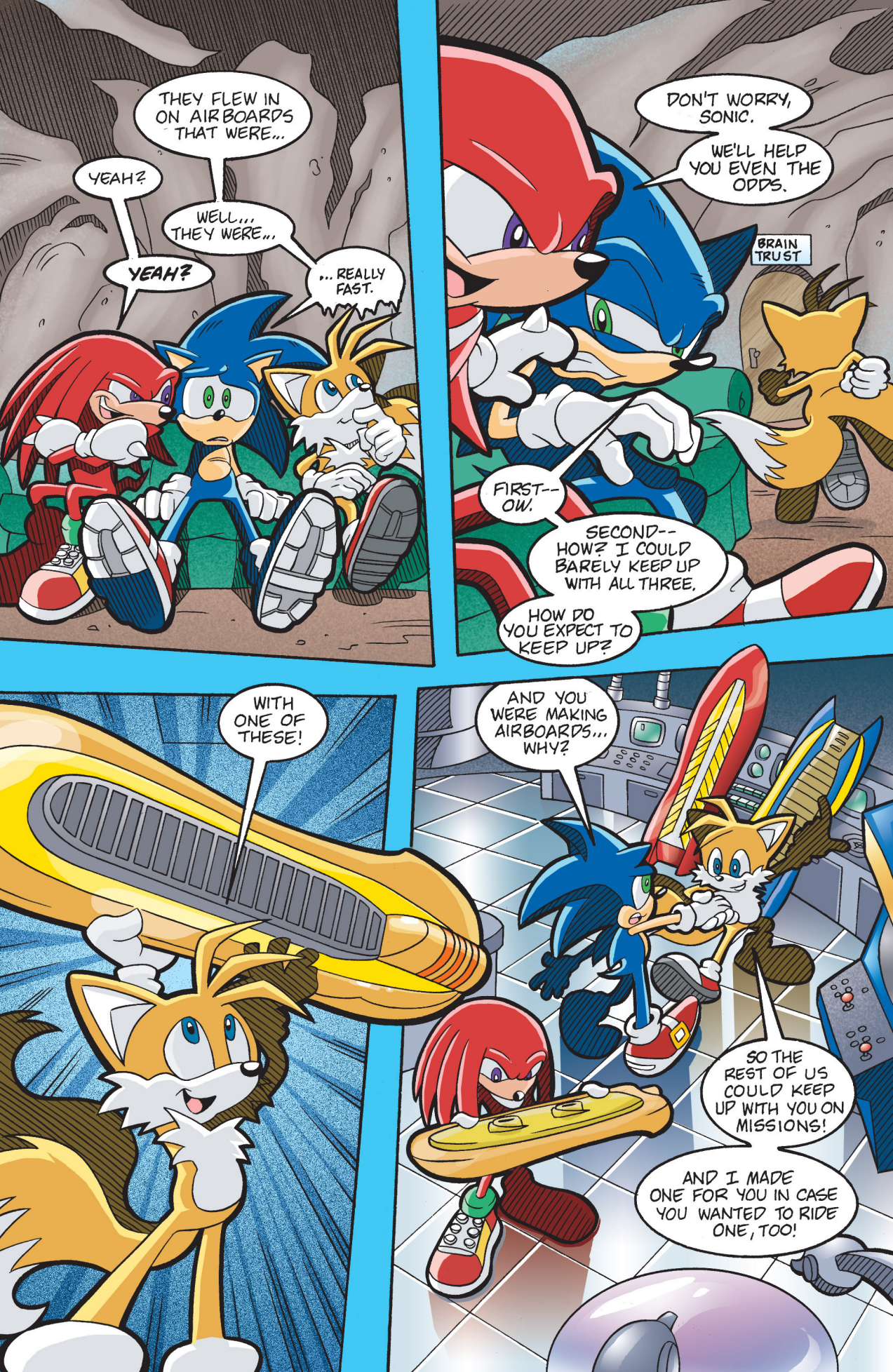
WHO DID THIS TO YOU?
I'LL MAKE THEM PAY!
TONE IT DOWN ON THE VOLUME AND THE MACHO, KNUX.
OW
WAS IT DR. EGGMAN?
SORTA.
HE'S GOT A NEW GROUP OF JERKS CALLED THE BABYLON ROGUES.


THEY FLEW IN ON AIRBOARDS THAT WERE...
YEAH?
WELL... THEY WERE...
YEAH?
... REALLY FAST.
DON'T WORRY, SONIC.
WE'LL HELP YOU EVEN THE ODDS.
BRAIN TRUST
FIRST-- OW.
SECOND-- HOW? I COULD BARELY KEEP UP WITH ALL THREE.
HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO KEEP UP?
WITH ONE OF THESE!
AND YOU WERE MAKING AIRBOARDS... WHY?
SO THE REST OF US COULD KEEP UP WITH YOU ON MISSIONS!
AND I MADE ONE FOR YOU IN CASE YOU WANTED TO RIDE ONE, TOO!

NICE WORK, TAILS.
THANKS!
THEY'RE STILL PROTOTYPES, BUT THEY'RE ALL FUNCTIONAL.
THEY BETTER BE...
"...BECAUSE THE BABYLON ROGUES SAID THEY'D BE COMING FOR KNOTHOLE TOMORROW!"
DO YOU THINK HE'LL SHOW, JET? WE ARE ATTACKING HIS HOME AFTER ALL.
NO WAY, STORM.
I PUT A SERIOUS HURT ON HIM LAST TIME... WITH YOU AND WAVE, OF COURSE.
OF COURSE.
WHOA!

I WAS BEGINNING TO WONDER IF YOU ALL WOULD SHOW UP.
POSEURS! I'M TRASHING KNOTHOLE OUT OF PRINCIPLE NOW!
IF YOU CAN BEAT US THERE!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE FOUGHT SOMEONE AS STRONG AS ME.
LIKEWISE!

YOU'RE QUITE THE FLYER, KID.
THANKS!
TOO BAD YOUR AIRBOARD'S A PIECE OF JUNK!
TAKE THAT BACK!
GIVE IT UP!
YOU CAN'T BEAT ME!
I CAN AND I WILL, JET!
YOU WANT TO TEAR UP KNOTHOLE?

WHO WINS THE ULTIMATE RACE?
PLAY SONIC RIDERS ON YOUR
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